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Historic image of Celilo Falls
on the Columbia River

Statewide Lewis and Clark Highway Interpretive Project Underway

Washington's Agency Assistance Team will kick-off the process of developing interpretive panels and kiosks at approximately 40 sites along the Lewis and Clark Trail in Washington with a series of community workshops (see Page 2).

The project team would like tribes and local communities to be integrally involved in design and development of the interpretive markers. In addition to general community meetings held at various stages of the project, the team will be setting up meetings and interviews with tribal elders and tribal representatives from throughout the region.

The project is being funded by a TEA 21 Enhancement grant. A team of consultants that includes historians, artists, landscape architects, engineers, and interpretive specialists has been retained for the project.

A list of some of the possible locations for the interpretive markers is shown on Page 2 and the proposed schedule for completing the project is shown on Page 3. If all goes as planned, the interpretive markers will be installed in late spring of 2002.

Community Workshops Planned – *Please join us in developing interpretive topics, stories and design concepts for the Lewis and Clark interpretive markers...*



Several community workshops will be held in December 2000 (see Page 2). The purpose of these workshops is to:

- Confirm specific locations for interpretive panels and kiosks in each region of the state;
- Discuss important stories and topics related to the Lewis and Clark Expedition to be interpreted at these locations; and
- Develop possible themes for the statewide interpretive program and the individual interpretive panels and kiosks.

This workshop series will be the first stage of community involvement in the statewide interpretive project, to get input from tribes and local residents on early concepts and ideas to shape the interpretive marker project. Another series of community workshops will be held late next spring or early summer, when the project is further into the design development process.



Workshops Workshops Workshops Workshops Workshops

Tuesday, December 5, 2000

Clarkston - Walla Walla
Community College,
1470 Bridge Street

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Walla Walla - Washington State
University Extension Office
317 West Rose

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Richland - CREHST
95 Lee Blvd. (off of George Washing-
ton Way, near Howard Amon Park)

Monday, December 11, 2000

Lyle - Lyle Hotel
100 7th Street (one block south of
Highway 14 at east end of town)

Tuesday, December 12, 2000

Longview - Cowlitz PUD Building
961 12th Avenue

Wednesday, December 13, 2000

Vancouver - Hudson's Bay
High School
1206 E. Reserve
(off of Mill Plain Blvd.)

Thursday, December 14, 2000

Ilwaco - Ilwaco Heritage Museum
115 S.E. Lake St.

Note: All workshops will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Possible Locations for Interpretive Kiosks and Panels

The following sites have been identified as possible locations for Phase 1 interpretive panels and kiosks. There is also a list of alternate sites, which may be developed as Phase 2 of the project, or may serve as alternative locations if any of the Phase 1 locations become unfeasible. The alternate site list will be distributed at the December community workshops.

Sites are listed from east to west.

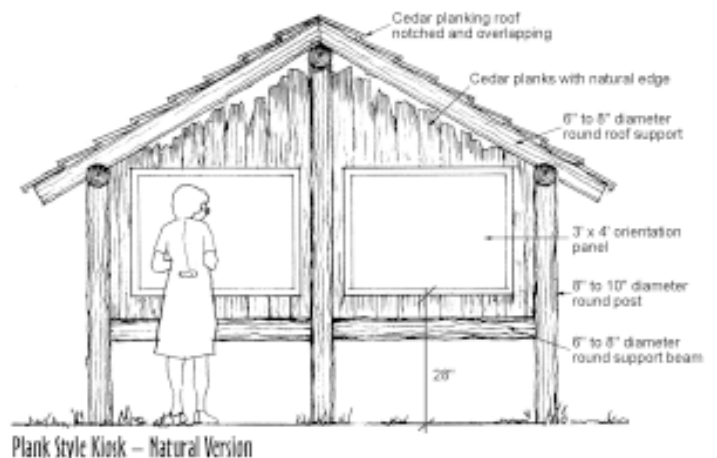
Panels

- Lewis and Clark roadside heritage marker (outside Clarkston)
- Alpowa Rest Area
- Three Forks Indian Trail roadside pull-off
- Pomeroy (Note: kiosk already exists)
- Boyer Park and Marina
- Central Ferry State Park
- Texas Rapids Recreation Area
- Palouse Falls State Park
- Lyons Ferry State Park
- Lower Monumental Dam/Ship Rock
- Fishhook Park
- Charbonneau Park
- Sacajawea roadside heritage marker (gateway to Sacajawea State Park)
- SR 730 - Sighting of the conical mountain
- Crow Butte State Park vicinity
- Maryhill State Park
- Avery Recreation Area
- Doug's Beach State Park
- Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center - Stevenson
- Steigerwald Lake/Steamboat Landing - Washougal
- Gee Creek Safety Rest Area

- County Line Park
- Julia Butler Hansen NWR/Steamboat Slough Drive
- Skamokawa Vista Park/Heritage Canoe Trail
- Pillar Rock/Gray's Bay (at Rosburg Road turnoff)
- Knappton Heritage Museum
- Megler Rest Area
- Station Camp - Lewis and Clark Campsite State Park
- Port of Ilwaco
- Fort Canby State Park

Kiosks with Multiple Panels

- Chief Timothy State Park
- Lyons Ferry State Park
- Dayton
- Wallula Area
- Horsethief Lake State Park
- Chamberlain Lake Safety Rest Area
- Beacon Rock State Park
- Washougal Area
- Megler Rest Area
- Long Beach Peninsula



Lewis and Clark Highway Interpretive Project

Anticipated Schedule

	2000			2001															2002				
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May			
Project Kickoff																							
Research and Analysis																							
Community Workshop Series 1																							
Tribal Interviews																							
Research and Analysis Phase Report																							
Design Development																							
Community Workshop Series 2																							
Design Report Development																							
Approvals/Permitting																							
Final Design and Construction Documents (staged)																							
Community Status Report Meetings December 2001																							
Fabrication (staged)																							
Construction/Installation																							
Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies																							

May
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Criteria for Selecting Possible Kiosk and Panel Sites

- The site/project is listed in the statewide bicentennial plan, ranked as either a high priority or secondary priority.
- An important story related to the Lewis and Clark Expedition can be meaningfully interpreted at the site.
- The site is located either within the right-of-way of a designated route in the Lewis and Clark Highway system or on publicly accessible property adjacent to the right-of-way or accessible from the right-of-way.
- Property owner/manager is a supportive public entity and the location is open to the general public (e.g. state parks, safety rest areas, etc).
- The project can be implemented expeditiously at the selected location.
- For kiosks: the location receives a relatively high visitation and/or is a place that travelers already tend to go for information.
- There is not a future project planned that would preclude the ability to locate a kiosk or panel at the site. Or, in some cases, panels are proposed that could later be incorporated into other future interpretive elements or structures planned for the site.

Goals for Commemorating the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial



The Lewis and Clark Highway Interpretive Project will be consistent with the following goals, previously set for commemorating the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in Washington.

- Leave a lasting legacy of improvements (interpretive, safety, infrastructure, heritage protection) along the Lewis and Clark Trail and Highway in Washington State.
- Enhance visitors' experiences along the Lewis and Clark Trail and Highway.
- Encourage development of plans and projects that are consistent with the values and perspectives of tribes and local communities along the trail route.
- Strengthen the relationship between the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial and various public and private sites and services in Washington.
- Relate the significance of and provide interpretation about the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the people of the Pacific Northwest, the nation, and the world.

"Not Ready for 200th"

By State Secretary of Transportation Sid Morrison

Secretary Morrison recently wrote a compelling article for the Washington State Department of Transportation newsletter "Ex-Press." Secretary



Morrison's article, which is reprinted below, stresses the importance of the upcoming Lewis and Clark Bicentennial and the need for more urgency in getting our projects in Washington ready, particularly the Station Camp project.

We aren't ready

I have been jokingly referring to Lewis and Clark as the first two consultants that worked for the federal government on transportation issues. But I need to stop trying to be funny, because the bicentennial of their historic mission is coming fast - and a unique part of the commemoration belongs to this state, and we aren't ready.

You see, most everyone else has made a big deal out of the search for an east-west waterway. St. Louis has built their big golden arch tying together the east and west halves of our country. The Jefferson Foundation has made the Lewis and Clark investment a compelling part of the story of President

Thomas Jefferson when you visit his home at Monticello. And sure, we have signs and interpretive information along the Columbia and Snake Rivers, indicating the Lewis and Clark Trail - but something is missing.

No western "end"

There is no western "end" to this great feat of American exploration. In fact, it may be almost under a stretch of SR 101, just south of Long Beach and Ilwaco. We are delaying a modest safety relocation of that highway because bigger things may be cooking that could lead to a significant National and State Park investment.

I can think of nothing better than really moving the highway so that it delivers millions of visitors in 2005 and beyond an appropriate commemoration of the Columbia River meeting the Pacific Ocean. It was at this waterfront point, called "Station Camp" by the explorers that the mission took time to carefully map what they had found, knowing that they had done their jobs.

There should be

It is at this location that there should be the western equivalent of the Jefferson memorial as part of a large visitors complex - including and



interpretive center, a Chinook Tribe longhouse, and of course, a DOT safety rest area.

Watch for the right combination of partners to pull all of this together. We are missing a golden opportunity if we don't take advantage of this historic and economic opportunity. Bus loads of folks are already touring the Lewis and Clark Trail across the country in anticipation of the bicentennial - and they should be impressed with the exclamation mark we are able to add to the western end of a great journey.




Funding Update: We're Making Great Progress!

Over the last 18 months, nearly 5 million dollars has become available for various bicentennial projects in Washington from various sources. The state legislature appropriated funding for Fort Canby State Park and for studying the possibility of highway improvements near Station Camp. Also, last year, Washington was awarded the first round of TEA 21 enhancements funds for Lewis and Clark interpretive panels and kiosks along the trail. And, the US Forest Service assisted the Asotin County Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee in obtaining some rural development funds to study the feasibility of The Confluence Center project.

More recently, the National Park Service Challenge Cost Share program has provided funding for several projects in Washington, including website development for the Pacific County Friends of Lewis and Clark and improvements at Skamokawa Vista Park, as well as a recent grant award for developing a traveling exhibit modeled after the "End of Our Voyage" trail guide.


A few weeks ago, the National Scenic Byways Program announced that it would send nearly \$750,000 in funding Washington's way for Lewis and Clark Bicentennial projects, including several state parks and The Confluence Center in Clarkston.

We're making great progress, but we're not over the hill yet! Several projects (including some partially-funded ones) need additional resources and funds to ensure that they will be completed before the bicentennial. Look for more updates in future newsletters to see how we're progressing toward achieving this goal. 



National Park Services Announces Cooperative Assistance Awards

In Fiscal Year 1999, Congress appropriated funds to assist states and local communities in development of projects on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. The National Park Service recently selected six projects for approval from the 57 proposals submitted:

- Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources Wayside Exhibits (\$75,000)
- North Dakota Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Foundation enhanced interpretive services at Fort Mandan and the Interpretive Center at Washburn, North Dakota (\$77,000)
- The Three Affiliated Tribes enhanced interpretive services at Four Bears Museum, New Town, North Dakota (\$80,000)
- Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department enhanced interpretive services at Missouri Headwaters State Park near Bozeman (\$80,000)
- **Washington State Historical Society, to create an exhibit that will travel throughout Washington during the bicentennial (\$70,000)**
- Spirit Mound Trust rehabilitation of the Mound to natural prairie and interpretive planning (\$80,000) 



Statewide TEA 21 Enhancement Grant Submitted

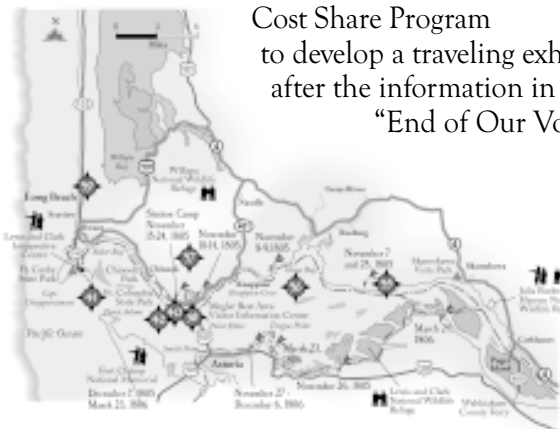
A statewide TEA 21 enhancements grant for Lewis and Clark projects is being submitted to the Transportation Improvement Board for consideration. This application cycle has combined the funding for the last two years of the current legislation of TEA 21 and likely will be the last opportunity to fund projects through the enhancements program before the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Some sources are predicting that millions of visitors will travel the Lewis and Clark Trail during the bicentennial, and as Secretary of Transportation Sid Morrison said in his recent article: "we're not ready!" The application is focusing on urgently needed projects for the bicentennial that meet the eligibility requirements of the enhancements program.

A summary of the project elements included in the TEA 21 enhancements application is shown at right. Project element #3 would include interpretive panels, kiosks, or other interpretive elements at multiple sites along the entire trail route in Washington.

After December 1, 2000, letters of support for the application can be sent directly to Mr. Jerry Fay, Transportation Improvement Board, c/o Kathleen Davis, Highways and Local Programs Service Center, PO Box 47300, Olympia, WA 98504-7300. It is anticipated that the board will be meeting in late January 2001 to make their decision on project funding. The board may elect to fund only a portion of applications submitted. Lewis and Clark projects will be competing for funding against many other projects statewide. Keep your fingers crossed!

The "End of Our Voyage" Guide - Please Get Your Comments In!

By now, most everyone on this newsletter mailing list should have received a copy of the prototype edition of the "End of Our Voyage" interpretive guide being developed to commemorate the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in Washington. Your help in reviewing this guide is really appreciated. If you have comments, please submit them to Mandi Roberts (see address below) by December 8, 2000. The state agency assistance team hopes to finalize the guide early in 2001 and print a large quantity for public distribution. Also, the Washington State Historical Society recently learned that they will receive some funding from the National Park Service Challenge Cost Share Program to develop a traveling exhibit modeled after the information in the "End of Our Voyage" guide.



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TEA 21 Grant Project Elements

1. Station Camp wayside interpretive improvements (near Chinook, Washington)
2. "End of Our Voyage" Trail Guide printing and website development
3. Statewide Interpretive Exhibits Phase II (panels and kiosks along the trail)
4. Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center at Fort Canby State Park (near Ilwaco, Washington)
5. Sacajawea Interpretive Center at Sacajawea State Park (near Kennewick, Washington)
6. The Confluence Center—A Lewis and Clark Adventure (Clarkston, Washington)
7. Horsethief Lake State Park interpretive improvements (Columbia River Gorge)
8. Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, Oaks to Wetlands Trail (north of Vancouver)
9. Phase II Discovery Trail and Trailheads from Chinook to Megler
10. Beacon Rock State Park interpretive improvements (Columbia River Gorge)
11. Chief Timothy State Park interpretive improvements (east of Clarkston)
12. Vancouver area interpretive exhibits and signing



WSDOT Highways and Local Programs Service Center Seeks Customer Feedback

The Washington State Department of Transportation’s (WSDOT) Highways & Local Programs (H&LP) Service Center, which includes the Heritage Corridors Program staff involved in Lewis and Clark projects, is seeking customer feedback on the services they provide. An on-line customer feedback survey is available. Paper copies of the survey are available upon request for customers without Internet access. This is your opportunity to let H&LP know suggestions for specific improvements. H&LP is hoping to receive responses through February 2001. The survey can be accessed at: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/survey/default.cmf?ID=102>
Or- contact Patti Miller-Crowley at 360-705-7376 or crowlep@wsdot.wa.gov

Lewis and Clark in Washington Campsite Matching Game			
 <i>Test your knowledge of the Lewis and Clark Expedition journals by matching the modern-day geographic locations name on the right with the historic campsites noted in the Lewis and Clark journals on the left.</i>	October 10, 1805 "... not one Stick of timber on the river near the forks..."		The camp was near present-day Vancouver, Clark County, on Image Canoe Island (now Hayden Island)
	October 16-17, 1805 "... they formed a half circle around us and Sung for Some time..."		At Pillar Rock in present day Wahkiakum County
	October 18, 1805 "... Saw a mountain bearing S.W. ... Covered with Snow..."		At "Station Camp" east of present-day Chinook, Washington in Pacific County
	November 1, 1805 "... We got all our Canoes and baggage below the Great Shute..."		Just above the mouth of the Washougal River, near present-day Washougal and Camas
	November 7, 1805 "... Great joy in camp we are in View of the Ocean..."		Confluence of the Snake and Columbia Rivers, at present-day location of Sacajawea State Park
	November 15-24 1805 "... this I could plainly See would be extent of our journey..."		At a village in present-day Benton County, opposite and below the mouth of the Walla Walla River
	March 30, 1806 "... is indeed the only desireable situation for settlement..."		Camp that evening was in Skamania County, above present-day Bonneville Dam and Fort Rains
	March 31 – April 6, 1806 "... opposite to the upper entrance of the Quicksand river..."		In present-day Whitman County, on the Snake, some three miles down river from Clarkston
	April 27-28, 1806 "... while here the principal Cheif of the Wallahwallahs joined us..."		Confluence of the Clearwater and Snake Rivers, across the river from present-day Clarkston
	May 4, 1806 "... the lands through which we passed today are fertile... dark rich loam..."		Camp that evening was a short distance below (south of) the mouth of the Walla Walla River in Washington

Note: All journal quotes are from The Journals of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, Volumes 5, 6 and 7, edited by Gary E. Moulton. Autumn 1805 quotes are from Captain William Clark, Spring 1806 quotes are from Captain Meriwether Lewis.

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Calendar of Events

Washington Lewis and Clark Highway Interpretive Project Workshops

See page 2 of this newsletter.

Washington State Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Advisory Committee Meeting December 12, 2000

10:00 am, State Capital Museum Coach House, 211 W. 21st Avenue, Olympia, WA

"The Object of Your Mission" Workshop December 9 - 10, 2000

Fort Clatsop National Memorial, Near Astoria, contact Janice Elvidge 503-861-2471 ext. 221

The Columbia Conference - Part 2 Spring of 2001

Look for more information in the coming months and in Washington's February 2001 Lewis and Clark Bicentennial newsletter.

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